[President.]

intend to take action. There is, as the House is aware, a great demand in the country for immediate action on the Report. Memorials and telegrams are being received by Government; and public meetings are organised. Therefore I think priority must be given to that Report. And if, after that Report, there is yet time left, it will be utilised for taking up the non-official Bill that was taken up on Saturday.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Sir, with your permission, I have to say one word in regard to the time fixed for the election of members to the Agricultural Board. In such cases it is usual for the members to come to some sort of agreement before we proceed with the formal election. If the election is to be held this evening, there is hardly time for deliberation and agreement between ourselves. We would request the Chair therefore to adjourn the election to tomorrow evening.

PRESIDENT: The lunch interval is ample.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): It is not ample. Many of us go home for tiffin. I do not think Government stand to lose anything by granting this request for postponing the election to tomorrow evening.

PRESIDENT: On such occasions, it is usual to announce the result of the elections on the next day. If the election takes place tomorrow the result of the elections cannot be announced as there is no meeting on Wednesday.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Then we are prepared to come here at 10'o clock tomorrow morning. (Cries of *No, No*).

PRESIDENT: Are the non-official members prepared to come here at 10'o clock tomorrow?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Some of us find it inconvenient. Any election that takes place must take place only after 5 o'clock.

PRESIDENT: You must adjust the question between yourselves. The election will take place to-day.

The next item of business is supplementary demands.

DEMAND FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS—

EXCISE

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 2,231. This grant is necessitated by the decision of Government to permit the import of Jaffna tobacco through the Trivandrum and Colachel Ports as well. Till the end of last year, Jaffna tobacco was imported only through Quilon and Alleppey. Certain persons interested in the business requested that they may be

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permitted to import Jaffna tobacco through Trivandrum and Colachel as well. Government have sanctioned the import of 1,000 candies through Trivandrum and 500 candies through Colachel. The 500 candies to be imported through Colachel will be bonded at the Kottar Tobacco Bankshall. But at Trivandrum a new Bankshall had to be opened. I am asking for the minimum staff for the Bankshall. An Inspector in the 3rd grade, two Petty Officers, one in the 1st grade and one in the 4th grade, and 4 Peons constitute the staff proposed for the Bankshall. This is but the bare minimum. Then there is the question of building. There is no Government building at the Port or in the town itself which can be made available for this purpose. So a building has already been arranged and occupied at a monthly rental of Rs. 100. That comes to Bh. Rs. 800 as for the remaining part of the year. For Colachel, I require two peons only. The total comes to Rs. 2,231. I appeal to the House to sanction this small additional expenditure for a very necessary item.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What is the total quantity of tobacco now imported through Alleppey and Quilon?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The sanctioned quantity is 5,745 candies a year.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): When there is import through Colachel and Trivandrum, will there be a reduction there?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The total quantity to be imported into the State cannot exceed 5,745 candies a year. The quantity now sanctioned to Quilon has been reduced to 3,275 candies and to Alleppey to 1,000 candies.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What is the number of staff at Alleppey and Quilon?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Besides an Inspector, there are 4 petty officers and 8 peons at Alleppey. There is the same staff at Quilon also.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether it is not possible to import all the tobacco we require through Colachel and Trivandrum?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): That is a matter with which Government have very little to do. It rests entirely with the merchants.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): What is the objection to the existing arrangement being continued?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): There were applications from persons for permission for importing through Trivandrum and Colachel.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESWARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Can we not transfer the peons from Quilon and Alleppey to these places?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Whether the quantity imported be 2,000 or 1,000 candies, the peons must always be there.

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RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*) : If the Trivandrum Tobacco Bankshall is satisfied with four peons, why should not the other Bankshalls be satisfied with the same number of peons ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : I have demanded only the barest minimum; and if more peons are required ; I will again apply for that. In Trivandrum I have not applied for additional hands, because I am trying to manage with the present strength.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*) : Why should not both the Petty officers be of the 4th grade? Why should there be one in the 1st grade and one in the 4th grade ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : In that case, the question may as well arise why all our Petty Officers should not be in the last grade.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*) : I am asking the question in respect of the demand now asked for.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : I want a more experienced and responsible officer being posted there.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know from the member, even though the sanctioned quantity for Alleppey is 2,000 candies, what is the average quantity that is now being imported in Alleppey ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : It varies from year to year. In 1105, it was 1,097 candies and it is steadily decreasing.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know whether the additional hands, for whose necessity the supplementary demand is now made, have been appointed.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : The two peons at Colachel have not been appointed ?

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : What about the rest ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : The staff at Trivandrum, including the Inspector, has been appointed. The licensee arranged for the import of tobacco and the Bankshall had to be opened for receiving the consignment. So Government gave sanction for the appointment of the staff in anticipation of the approval of the Legislature.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Why are the peons necessary at Colachel ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : For escorting the tobacco to Kottar from Colachel.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : In the budget I find there are 3 Inspectors. For what places are they ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Kottar, Quilon and Alleppey.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : May I know whether any fresh men have been entertained or any transfer has been effected from the existing men in the department at Trivandrum ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Fresh men have been appointed, and experienced men have been posted to the Bankshall.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): How many fresh men have been appointed?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Two Petty Officers and four peons. The Inspector has not been appointed. The Trivandrum Range Inspector has been asked to supervise the work of the Petty Officer for the present.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 2,231 as supplementary grant on behalf of the Excise Department for the entertainment of staff for the Tobacco Bankshalls at Trivandrum and the Colachel Sea Customs.

The demand was put to vote and carried.

POLICE.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 5,121 under the following items:—

(i) the opening of two Police Out-posts, one at Karimanoor and the other at Arakulam in the Todupuzha Taluk—Rs. 1160.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I am not able to hear the member at all.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): My throat is very bad to-day and by to-morrow I think I will be all right.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I ask the President that some one who could speak louder be asked to move the demand?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I shall try to speak to the best of my voice. Since there is some defect in the throat and that is a matter which is beyond my control, I appeal to the House and the Chair to have the demand postponed to tomorrow, when I think I shall be able to speak much louder.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Could not somebody be asked to repeat all that is said by Mr. Pitchu Aiyangar?

PRESIDENT: You will try to adjust your voice as much as possible to be heard by the non-officials.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): The second item is:—

(ii) the provision of wooden stands for the traffic point-duty Constables in the Trivandrum Town—Rs. 800.

and the third is—

(iii) the purchase of a new Pilot Car for Rs. 3,161.

As regards the first item, this is a question which was moved by Mr. John Kattakayam in the year 1933. The matter was under correspondence for the last two years. The matter was referred to the local Police Officers and they have made a report after very careful investigation in the matter.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know the distance between Karimanoor and Arakulam?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): About 10 and 7 miles from the Todupuzha Station.

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